

Public Participation for FSTIP Amendments in MPO Region

Once a new Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), it will become the current FSTIP and it will supersede the prior one. However, there will be a need to implement changes to the current FSTIP throughout its life cycle. Changes to the FSTIP can be done through amendments or administrative modifications.

Amendments are changes to projects that are considered significant in nature such as adding or deleting regionally significant projects or major changes to cost and scope of projects and therefore must go through public review. Administrative modifications are minor changes to projects and are not required to go through public review.

Amending the FSTIP can take up to six months from the preparation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) FTIP amendment, through public review, MPO board approval, state review, and finally FHWA and FTA review and approval. In order to streamline this process, the State of California Department of Transportation (Department) will provide public review opportunities for each FSTIP amendment concurrently with each MPO's public review of their FTIP amendment.

The following process outlines the steps for an FSTIP amendment:

1. MPO informs the Department of their planned FTIP amendment and the start and end of the public review period,
2. The Department posts a notice of FSTIP amendments on the Department's website (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/fedpgm.htm>). A link to MPOs FTIPs amendments websites will be provided,
3. FTIP/FSTIP amendments typically go through 14-30 days public review,
4. After public review, the MPO submits the final, board approved, FTIP amendment to the Department,
5. The Department reviews the FTIP amendment and recommends approval to FHWA and FTA,
6. The Department posts the FTIP amendment and Department's letter to FHWA/FTA on Department's website (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/fedpgm.htm>),
7. FHWA and FTA review and approve the FTIP amendment for inclusion in the FSTIP. The Department posts FHWA/FTA letter on Department's website.

Existing procedures for FSTIP/FTIP modifications can be viewed at (http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/federal/fedfiles/amend_mod_procedures_approval.pdf). These procedures outline the current requirements and criteria for FSTIP amendments and administrative modifications which were developed cooperatively by MPOs, the Department, FHWA, and FTA.